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the aim of which has always been to ascertain "the facts of the case," and will, from the very nature of its subject, find many curious and eager readers. ρ.

STUDIES IN THE PSYCHOLOGY OF SEX. Vol. I. Sexual Inversion. By *Havelock Ellis*. London: The University Press. Pages, xvii+204. Price, \$1.75.

Mr. Havelock Ellis has approached a very delicate subject in the present work. Yet, as he says, "these things concern every one; the study of these things concerns the physiologist, the psychologist, the moralist. We want to get into possession of the actual facts, and from the investigation of the facts we want to ascertain what is normal and what is abnormal, from the point of view of physiology and psychology. We want to know what is naturally lawful under the various sexual chances that may befall man, not as the born child of sin, but as a naturally social animal, what is a venial sin against nature, what a mortal sin against nature."

He adds further: "I had not at first proposed to devote a whole volume to sexual inversion. It may even be that I was inclined to slur it over as an unpleasant subject, and one that it was not wise to enlarge on. But I found in time that several persons for whom I felt respect and admiration were the congenital subjects of this abnormality. At the same time I realised that in England, more than in any other country, the law and public opinion combine to place a heavy penal burden and a severe social stigma on the manifestations of an instinct which to these persons who possess it frequently appears natural and normal. It was clear, therefore, that the matter was in special need of elucidation and discussion."

There are seven chapters: (1) An Introduction on the History of Homosexuality; (2) The Study of Sexual Inversion; (3) Sexual Inversion in Men; (4) Sexual Inversion in Women; (5) The Nature of Sexual Inversion; (6) The Theory of Sexual Inversion; (7) Conclusions. Dr. Ellis's treatment of his material is similar to that of Moll, Kraftt-Ebing, Westphal, etc., but is not limited to the re-elaboration of their results. He has collected new data, and undoubtedly done a service to pathological psychology. Dr. Flynt has added a curious chapter on "Homosexuality Among Tramps."

METHODOLOGISCHE BEITRÄGE ZU PSYCHOPHYSISCHEN MESSUNGEN. (Auf experimenteller Grundlage.) Von *Dr. Arthur Wreschner*. Leipsic: Johann Ambrosius Barth. 1898. Pages, 238. Price, M. 7.

Dr. Wreschner offers us in this book a record and a development of a long series of experiments on the measurement of sensations due to the pressure of weights. Though the starting-point of modern experimental psychology, this branch, he claims, has, owing to numerous disturbing circumstances, been greatly neglected. For example, the weight of the lifting arm is an error which must be eliminated, the muscles which perform the lifting must be discriminated, and further, the vari-